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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2006, please consider the following amendment and response. This response is being filed within the one month period for response (to and including July 28, 2006), so it is believed that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner requested to provide any extensions that may be necessary and is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.

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